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PHOTOGRAPHS

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STATE Idaho	COUNTY Shoshone	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Wallace
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 2 Hemlock (House) (previously unnamed)		HABS NO. ID-89
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2 Hemlock, Wallace, Idaho (Legal: NP First Addition, Block 5, Portion of Lot 1)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1925 (see supplement)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See Supplement		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See supplement		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See supplement		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See supplement		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See supplement		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES North side deck added, newer front porch, car ramp to basement filled in, base, back and piping added for wood stove (dates unknown)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition fair, currently vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE House is scheduled to be torn down in 1988 to make way for a motel-restaurant-gift shop complex		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Barnard-Stockbridge Photo Collection, Sanborn Fire Maps, Wallace Public Library, National Register of Historic Places, Safeco Title Co., Shoshone County Assessor's Office, Harry Olson, Richard Magnuson and Minnesota State Historical Society		
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2 HEMLOCK (HOUSE)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 2 Hemlock is a compatible element of the Wallace Historic District and is located in a residential area containing homes constructed between 1910 and 1920.

The City of Wallace was first settled in 1884. It is located along the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and at the mouth of three side creeks and gulches amid North Idaho's steep Panhandle. The founding of the town followed discovery of fabulous lead-silver deposits in the surrounding mountains. As mining activity quickly grew, so did the town. By 1887 the population was 500, which grew to 2,816 by 1920 (U.S. Census Bureau).

The town flourished from mining activities, and Wallace became known as the Silver Capital of the World because more silver has been extracted from the Coeur d'Alene Mining District, with Wallace as the hub, than any place on earth.

Much of the town was located on a cedar swamp, which was drained as growth occurred. The west end of town containing this house was drained and developed last. Northern Pacific Railway first owned this land in west Wallace. NP leased to private individuals this land, on which were built many homes. NP deeded the land to the homeowners in a period from 1920 to 1925. This addition to the town is known as the NP First Addition.

Dating exact construction of most of the houses is difficult because the first deeding of the property occurred after the homes were built. The Minnesota State Historical Society, Archives Manuscripts Division, which possesses defunct NP's records, could not locate copies of the original leases. Early fire maps and photographs show no homes built in that area prior to 1910. Most of the homes, then, were constructed from 1910-1920.

These dates were confirmed by Harry Olson, who has lived in west Wallace since 1922. He said in an interview most of the houses in west Wallace were already constructed when he moved there in 1922. He was 10 years old at the time.

Olson remembers nothing distinctive about west Wallace other than it being an ordinary residential part of town. Its residents were a mixture of business and working people, including miners, a druggist, county commissioner and even "bootleggers" The streets were paved in the addition about 1920, Olson said. A flood in

1933 caused considerable damage to the streets and homes, he said.

As mining activity in the district began to decline in the 1970s and 1980s, so did the number of jobs and demand for homes. The 1988 population of Wallace was 1,460 (source: Association of Idaho Cities). The character of some homes changed as they went from owner-occupied to rentals. Some deteriorated from lack of care. (Some had been rentals for most of their existence.)

Because of the fast growth of the town in a short time span, Wallace contains a unique homogenous blend of architecture, which led to first a few buildings, then the downtown district, then the entire core of town listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mining towns tend to have a transient population, and many homes have had numerous owners as a result. The house at 2 Hemlock is no exception, and its name is listed as its address.

The first recorded deeding of the house is from NP to A.H. Featherstone and George Walker. The amount was for \$300. On Oct. 1, 1925, Walker, a widower, and A.H. and Grace P. Featherstone deeded the house to C.W. McFarland. McFarland then, on April 16, 1926, deeded the house to John L. Fitzgerald. On the same date, Fitzgerald deeded the house to C.W. and Almina D. McFarland. Harry Olson remembers McFarland as a car salesman and carpenter. On April 2, 1928, McFarland deeded the house to Louaddie Ping Feroglia. Ten years later on Feb. 4, 1938, Feroglia deeded the house to Mary Anna Carlson. On Sept. 14, 1950, Mary Anna Carlson was divorced from Carl Gust Carlson, whom she married Aug. 11, 1935 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In the divorce proceedings, Mary was awarded the house, and her name was restored to Mary Butcher. Mary Butcher deeded the house to Olga Olson on Sept. 25, 1950. Olga died April 26, 1955, and on May 20, 1955, her widower, Henry Olson was awarded the house in probate court. Henry Olson deeded the house to his son and daughter-in-law, Virgil and Betty Olson on Nov. 14, 1973 (recorded date), and they in turn deeded the house to Mr. and Mrs. Steven P. Ryan on Jan. 1, 1974 (recorded date). On March 24, 1980 (recorded date), the house was sold and deeded to Richard W. Albers, who sold and deeded the house to Doris C. Hill on Oct. 3, 1985 (recorded date). Finally, the house was sold and deeded to Rossi Insurance Co. of Wallace on June 30, 1987 (recorded date).

EXTERIOR FEATURES

The house is one story and rectangular. It has a concrete foundation and basement with seven-foot tan interior walls. Windows

in the east and south side provide daylight to the basement. The only access to the basement is through a three-foot square door in the concrete foundation on the north side. The foundation is not painted.

The house is wood frame with clapboard siding, painted brown. The roof is hipped with composition shingles as roofing. A brick chimney that originates in the basement protrudes from the north hip of the roof.

Windows are all two-light, sliding aluminum.

The front porch on the west side has eight wood steps and wood hand rail leading up to a partially enclosed landing. Two sides of the porch are sided with corrugated fiberglass. The back porch on the north side has seven wood steps and wood hand railing leading up to a wood deck, then through a door into the enclosed back porch and back door. The porch is sided with corrugated fiberglass.

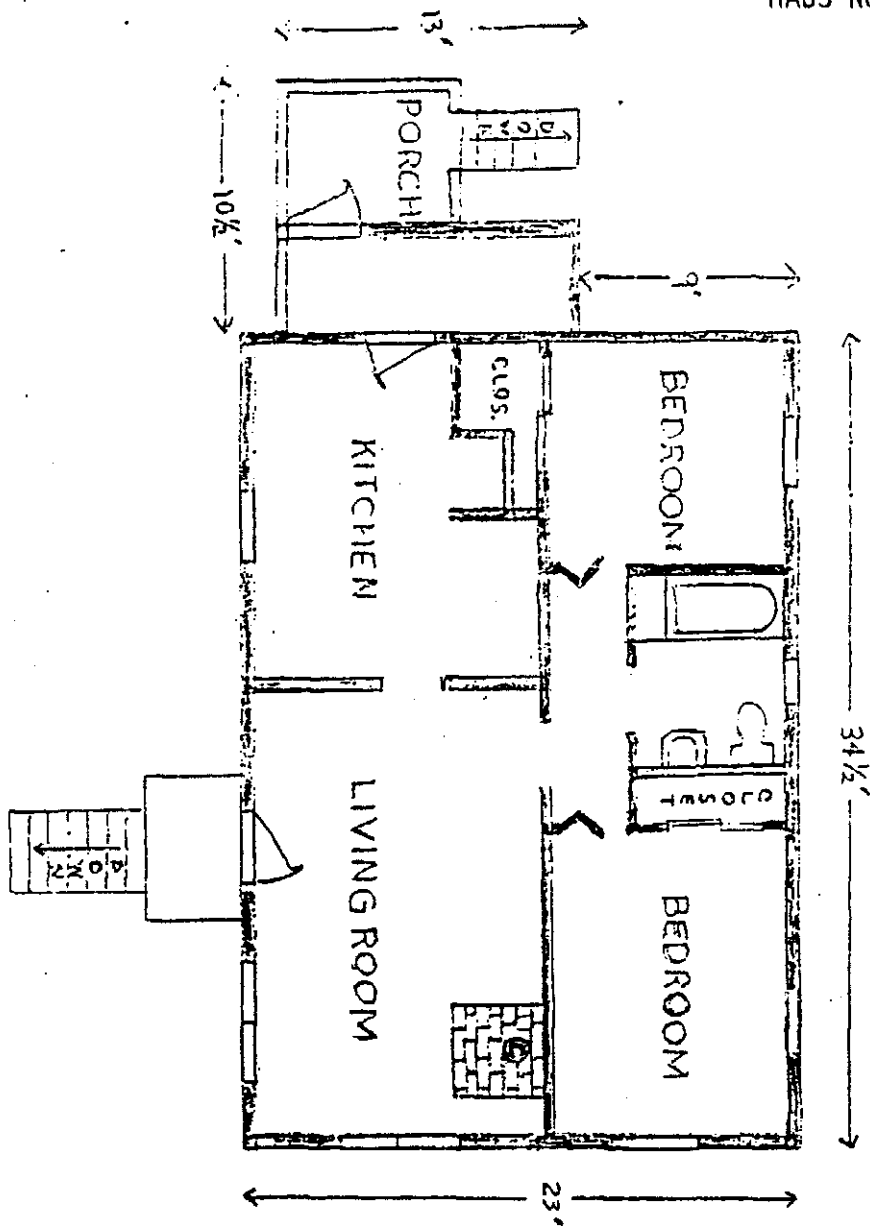
INTERIOR FEATURES

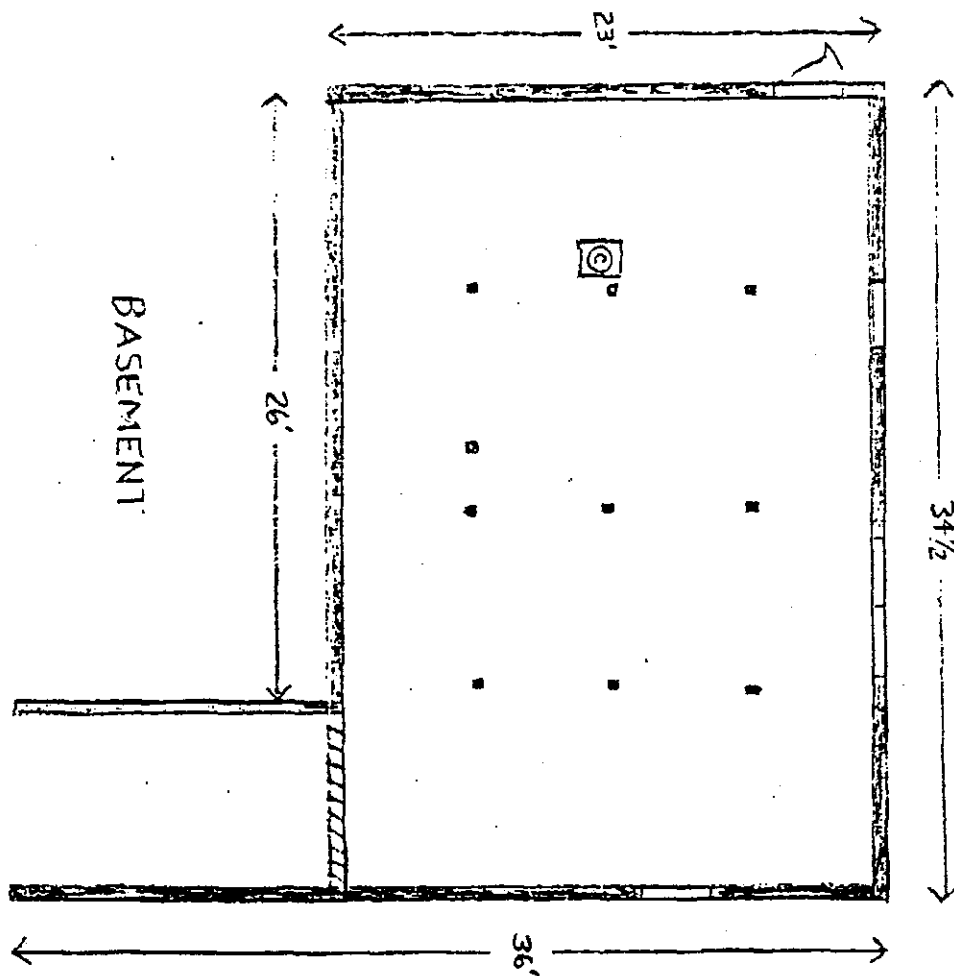
The basement is open with some built-in shelves and work bench. The brick chimney originates here, and the hot water heater also is located in the basement. The basement at one time also contained a coal stoker heating unit, county records show.

The kitchen has a linoleum floor with newer wood cabinets and counter top and a double porcelain sink. Walls in the living room are covered with paneling over several layers of painted wallpaper over fabric over tongue-and-groove (horizontal) wood. On the floor is carpeting over softwood floors.

The north bedroom is carpeted and paneled, and it is plumbed for a washer hookup. The hallway is carpeted with paneling over wallpaper and wood walls. The south bedroom is wallpaper over sheetrock, and it is carpeted. Trim throughout is imitation wood. Doors to both bedrooms slide and fold in the middle. The bathroom has a linoleum floor, paneling and a shower-tub unit with sliding glass shower doors.

Heat source throughout is electric baseboard (not original).





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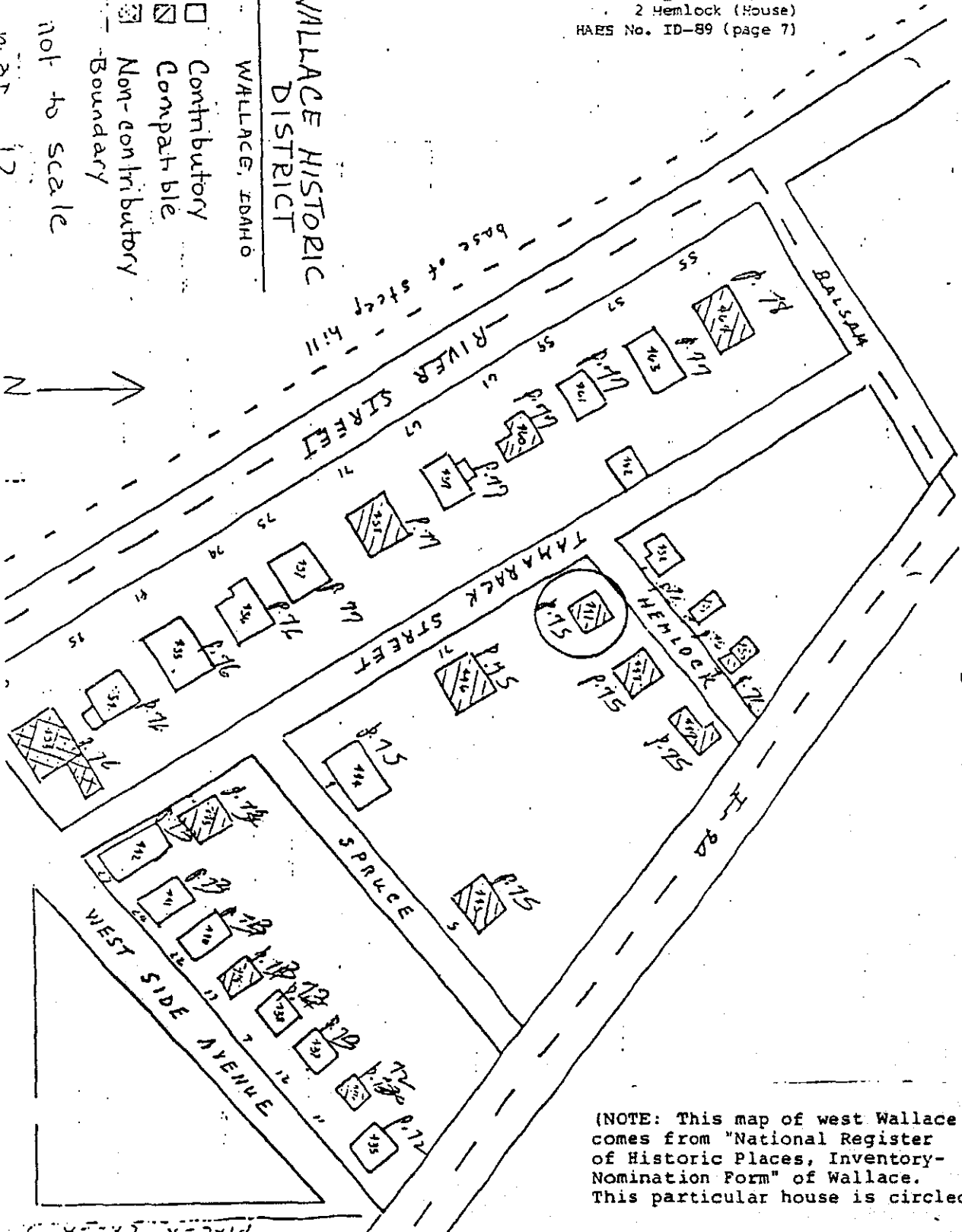
WALLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT

WALLACE, IDAHO

- ☐ Contributory
- ☒ Compatible
- ☐ Non-contributory
- Boundary

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(NOTE: This map of west Wallace comes from "National Register of Historic Places, Inventory-Nomination Form" of Wallace. This particular house is circled)